

# Town of Frederick Board of Trustees



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AM 2010-061

## To Consider Signing the Mile High Compact


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**Agenda Date:** June 8, 2010

**Attachments:**

- a. Mile High Compact
- b. Resolution

**Fiscal Note:** None noted

  
Finance Manager

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Simmons   
Planning Director

**Approved for Presentation:**   
Town Administrator

**AV Use Anticipated** Projector \_\_\_\_\_ Laptop \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification of Board Approval:**

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Town Clerk

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Date

### **Summary Statement:**

The Board of Trustees may choose to be a signatory to the Mile High Compact.

### **Detail of Issue/Request:**

At the April 30, 2010 Board of Trustees work session, the Board received a presentation from Patricia Cronenberger from the Denver Region Council of Governments (DRCOG) about the importance of the Mile High Compact.

The Compact is a voluntary agreement among metro area cities and counties to manage growth throughout the region by adhering to the principles outlined in Metro Vision. Metro Vision is the

region's long-range growth plan and identifies where transportation investments will be made, where growth is expected to occur and how the region will attain water and air quality standards over the next 20 years.

The Town already participates in Metro Vision and has worked with DRCOG staff to establish our urban growth boundary. This is the primary work load associated with Metro Vision. Becoming a signatory of the Mile High Compact will not affect the current level of information required by DRCOG.

### **Legal/Political Considerations:**

The proposed Metro Vision 2020 amendment to the Mile High Compact pushes the planning focus out to 2020 and calls signatory communities to commit to certain planning principals. Frederick has already incorporated many of these into its Comprehensive Plan; nevertheless, the Town needs to be careful not to allow participation in DRCoG and the Compact to effectively commit the Town to planning outcomes that are consistent with the DRCoG regional committee values, but perhaps inconsistent with the individual goals and values of Frederick. The extent to which Frederick's implementation of the 6 Metro Vision elements is interpreted to be consistent with Metro Vision 2020 or not will determine the impact to the Town by signing the Compact amendment.

One area of Metro Vision 2020 that may be problematic for Frederick is agreeing to plan Town development as a component of one of the four free-standing communities of Boulder, Brighton, Castle Rock and Longmont. Other areas of the Compact amendment lack specificity as to how they will be achieved, e.g., "Issues that overlap or affect neighboring jurisdictions or districts will be addressed in a collaborative process" and "Individual communities will pursue dispute resolution processes." It is not clear if this means that IGAs are mandatory to resolve overlapping service/planning issues, and whether signatory communities are committing to using only ADR instead of litigation to resolve disputes. In addition, if towns like Erie are not signatories of the Compact amendment, it is not clear if Frederick will have to adhere to the same IGA and ADR standards.

### **Alternatives/Options:**

The Board of Trustees may choose to:

1. Do nothing.
2. Vote to direct Mayor Doering to sign the Mile High Compact.

### **Financial Considerations:**

The Town is already a member of the Denver Regional Council of Governments. Participating in this compact will not incur additional expenses.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving the attached resolution and directing Mayor Doering to sign the Mile High Compact.